

EQUAL TO BLIND TOM.

A Little Negro Boy Who Possesses a Marvellous Memory.

A couple of dozen gentlemen assembled in Parlor L. of the Astor house to witness the remarkable performance of a little blind negro boy from Texas, who has attracted a great deal of attention in the southern states by reason of his marvellous quickness in learning words and their uses and performing many remarkable mental feats. He is a little over 3 years of age and has, it is said, a command of over five thousand words.

For an hour or more the little fellow amazed his visitors, answering without an instant's hesitation and apparently deriving the keenest enjoyment from the wonder which his replies aroused. He takes rank with and even surpasses Blind Tom as an untaught wonder, and that the African race should have produced two such prodigies was a subject of comment among those who heard the boy.

The name of this wonder is Oscar Moore, called "Professor Moore" by those having him in charge. He is a little taller than the seat of an ordinary chair, and can walk under a table without stooping. Save that his head is remarkably large and he has no nose, he does not differ in appearance from hundreds of "pickaninnies" to be met throughout the south. He dresses in short skirts, makes mud pies for amusement and can make as much noise as an able bodied man.

In order to bring this marvel to sight H. P. N. Hammel, of Austin, Tex., who has him in charge, yesterday placed him on a chair in the middle of a large table. Everybody present was handed a little book containing some thousand or more difficult questions, pieces of poetry and arithmetical tests, which Oscar could rattle off, together with speeches on the tariff, chapters out of the Bible and other things at will.

Mr. Hammel explained that Oscar was born on a farm seven miles from Waco, Tex., Aug. 19, 1885; that both of his parents are uneducated negroes who had been slaves before the war, and that when hardly 1 year of age he learned whole sentences which were spoken in his presence, and first manifested a desire to talk by doing a sum in mental arithmetic which one of his sisters was unable to perform correctly. The boy is said to be perfectly healthy. One of the gentlemen present asked the question: "How many languages are spoken in the world?"

"Two thousand seven hundred and fifty," came the answer promptly, and then the little fellow clapped his hands and laughed to himself to think how smart he was.

"Where is the largest bell in the world and how much does it weigh?" asked another.

"Moscow, Russia. How much does it weigh? 422,000 pounds."

"Which is the highest mountain in the United States?"

"Mount St. Elias, in the Rocky mountains."

"How high is it?"

"Seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty feet."

"Now, Oscar, sing a song," said Mr. Hammel. Then the little fellow asked what kind of a song and Mr. Hammel said the gentleman wanted a song about himself. Thereupon he climbed down from his seat and sang a little song descriptive of himself. Oscar joined in the applause which greeted this performance and then made his great speech upon the tariff, which consisted of about five hundred words, and was fully as good as many of those delivered in congress over the Mills bill. —New York World.

A Queer Bridegroom.

A funny story comes from the village of Crumpton, where the gossips are discussing the marriage of Miss Mattie Glandine, the principal of the school, and Dr. C. T. Cahoon, the village physician and druggist. When the ministerial blessing had been given and the benediction pronounced, the happy pair stepped into the finest rig the town could afford and drove to Talpa wharf, twelve miles away, to take the steamer Emma A. Ford for a wedding trip to this city and Washington. When the steamer was reached, however, the bridegroom concluded that he could not desert his practice and his drug store, even for the pleasure of a bridal tour, so placing his bride on the steamer, with many emphatic injunctions to the officers to look after her comfort, he slowly and sorrowfully wended his way home, while the lonely bride came on to Baltimore. Mrs. Cahoon visited friends here and in Washington, and enjoyed her lonely wedding tour as best she could. After three days' absence she returned, and yesterday morning was met by her husband at the wharf. The little house was ready for her, and the happy pair have gone to honeymooning. —Baltimore Cor. North American.

A Notable Tree.

A remarkable and notable tree in Chicago has lately fallen beneath the blows of the woodman's ax. It stood on the old Parson McKinstry place, at the upper end of the street, the present owner of the place being Mrs. Tait, of this city. The tradition has always been that either Mr. or Mrs. McKinstry set out this tree when they built their house, which was about the time of Mr. McKinstry's settlement there. He was the pastor of Springfield, in 1752. But since the tree was cut down it is believed that it must have been very much older than the house, and it is thought that it was fully 200 years old. It was a remarkably beautiful tree of the buttonwood variety, and the residents of Chicago street are all cherishing as valuable keepsake pieces of the wood of this famous tree. It had changed very little for the last seventy-five years, having been "hollow" as long as present octogenarians played under it, and had deepened in its protecting hollow. The circumference of the tree where it was cut down was thirty feet, and sons and daughters of Chicago will miss the familiar landmark. —Boston Herald.

Women in the Dentist's Chair.

Said an Albany dentist recently: "Women are my best customers. I think that two-thirds of the persons I operate on are ladies, and they stand the work fully as well as, if not better than, men. I presume it is because they feel that they must have it done, because nothing makes a woman look homelier than decayed or unclean teeth. You know a gentleman's mustache will cover his teeth so that nobody will notice their appearance, but a lady has not this advantage, so she feels in duty bound to take care of her teeth in order to preserve her beauty. When she gets into the chair she has determination and will power that no pain can overcome." —Albany Journal.

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Notice of Lettens.

Notice is hereby given, that letters of administration, upon the estate of Henry Ahrens, late of Iron county, deceased, were granted to the undersigned, by the Judge of the Probate Court of Iron County, Mo., bearing date the 8th day of July, 1888. All persons having claims against said estate, are required to exhibit them for allowance to me within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred. VALENTINE KEFFINGER, Administrator.

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Order of Publication.

In the Circuit Court of Iron County, Mo., April Term, 1889—Monday, April 22d, A. D. 1889.

Dorothea Heinrichs and Frederick Tappert, Plaintiffs,

versus

Carolina Heinrichs, Henrietta Dettmer and her husband Frederick Dettmer, Louis Arnold, Frederick Arnold, Louis Arnold, Charles Arnold, Lizzie Dettmer and her husband Adolph Dettmer, Herman Heinrichs, Louis Heinrichs, Sophia Heinrichs and her husband Heinrichs, heirs of Charles Heinrichs, deceased, defendants.

Now at this day come the plaintiffs, by their attorney, and show to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendants, Louis Heinrichs, Louisa Heinrichs, Herman Heinrichs, Fred Arnold, Louis Arnold and Sophia Heinrichs are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law.

It is, therefore, ordered by the Court that publication be made notifying said defendants that an action has been commenced against them with the aforesaid other defendants, in the circuit court of Iron county, State of Missouri, the object and general nature of which is to obtain a decree of partition and order of sale of the following described real estate, situate in Iron county, state aforesaid, to wit: North half of lot 27, and all of lots 28, 29, and 30, in block 2; also, lots 5 and 6 in block 30; also, lots 7 and 8 in block 31; and lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in block 30—in the town of Pilot Knob, Iron county, Missouri, as the same are represented on the plat of said town of record in the office of the recorder of said county; and that unless they appear to set aside the term of said court to be holden at the court house in the City of Ironton, within and for the County of Iron, State of Missouri, on the Fourth Monday in October, next, (1889), and on or before the sixth day thereof, (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead to said plaintiffs' petition, the same will be taken against them as confessed and judgment rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the Iron County Register, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Iron, State of Missouri, and continued. A true copy. Attest with seal this 17th day of July 1889. [SEAL.] July A. D. 1889. H. H. HUPP, Clerk Circuit Court Iron County, Mo. B. Zwart, att'y for plaintiffs.

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